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RESPONSE

In response to the Office Action dated October 11, 2001, Applicant hereby submits this Response. A shortened statutory period for response of three months was set. With this Response, Applicant has filed a Request for Extension of Time, requesting a three-month extension of the due date to April 11, 2002. Therefore, this Response is timely.

REMARKS

The Examiner has apparently renumbered the claims so that new claims 1-59 set out in the Applicant's Preliminary Amendment filed on July 17, 2001 are now renumbered as 10-68, respectively. In this Response, the Applicant will reference the claims as renumbered.

The Examiner has rejected claims 10-16, 18-25, 27-34, 36-43, 45-50, 52-59, 61-66 and 68 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Pat. No. 6,172,620 B1 issued to Brick et al. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection. The Examiner has indicated that claims 17, 26, 35, 44, 51, 60 and 67 would be allowable if rewritten in

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